Mountain Weather Forecast

Brecon Beacons National Park

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Sunday 08 Jan 2023 until 23:59 on Monday 09 Jan 2023

Forecast Issued on Sunday 08 Jan 2023 at 00:16

Confidence: High confidence in the changeable pattern continuing through the coming week, with colder and showery conditions on Sunday and Monday, then milder but very wet weather on Tuesday. High for generally windy conditions albeit moderate confidence regarding when the strongest winds will occur.

Headline for Sunday 08 Jan 2023: Windy and colder with heavy showers, falling as snow on the highest summits.

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 08 Jan 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Low Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** Medium Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 600m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy Rain	Sleet	Sleet	Sleet showers	Sleet showers (night)	Sleet showers (night)
Precipitation probability					
70%	80%	80%	60%	60%	60%

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Weather: Longer periods of heavy rain, hail and summit snow during Sunday with a risk of thunder and lightning. Possibly somewhat drier during the afternoon with occasional sunny intervals, however further showers of rain or hail are likely at times. Feeling cold, especially on exposed ridges and summits, with strong winds on most routes.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 600m: 40%, becoming 60% during the afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Lengthy periods of cloud above 400-500m, most persistent in the south and west. Becoming more broken by the afternoon and lifting above 600-700m, with some summits clearing intermittently. Often moderate to poor visibilities in longer periods of precipitation and very poor in snow and hill fog. Occasionally very good by the afternoon, but quickly deteriorating in hail and snow showers.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	23/30 SW	24/33 S	22/30 SW	21/28 SW	20/27 SW	17/24 W	23/33 W
300	12/26 SW	14/30 S	14/27 SW	13/26 SW	10/23 SW	10/21 W	13/26 W
Valley	10/24 SW	12/29 S	12/27 SW	11/24 SW	8/21 SW	8/19 W	13/27 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	3/-3	2/-4	3/-3	2/-4	2/-4	2/-3	2/-4
300	5/1	5/0	5/1	4/-0	4/0	4/1	4/0
Valley	6/3	5/2	5/2	5/1	4/2	5/2	5/1
Freezing Level*	1000m	1000m	900m	800m	900m	1000m	900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

Expect a significant wind chill on the highest summits with near-gale force winds causing 'Feels Like' temperatures of minus 8 Celsius or lower. A covering of fresh snow is possible on the very highest summits, generally above 800m giving slippery conditions and icy paths. Layers of warm and wet weather clothing will be required. Thunderstorms may occur without much notice with sudden deteriorations in visibility.

Recent rainfall: measured at Neuadd: altitude 353m

Recorded at	Last 24 hours:	Last 48 hours:	Last 72 hours:
03:00 on Sun 08 Jan 2023	31.2mm	50.4mm	67mm

Forecast for Monday 09 Jan 2023

Weather: A drier day with bright or sunny intervals and occasional showers, these locally heavy during the morning. Becoming mostly dry during the afternoon but a few isolated showers continuing. Showers will be wintry at times and will fall as snow above 600m. Strong winds will make for difficult walking on many ridges and summits with a severe wind chill at height.

Maximum wind: Westerly 35 mph gusting 45-50 mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops 600m: 40%, becoming 80% in the afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Periods of cloud above 400-500m during the overnight hours, this lifting and breaking during the morning to be 700-900m by early afternoon. Generally excellent visibilities with distant hills clearly visible between showers, but sudden deteriorations to poor or very poor during hail and snow showers. Very poor in hill fog.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Plus 2 Celsius rising to plus 6 Celsius.
At 600m: Plus 1 Celsius.
Freezing level: 700-900 metres.

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